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THE OCTOFOIL

412 Gregory Ave. Weehawken, N. J. 07087

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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CLAMBAKE ADDED TO BOSTON REUNION

Every January our faithful reporter on the Field Artillery beat gives us a summary of what happened to the gunners during the past year. This time Joe McKenzie not only gave us a wrap-up on the news, he also got in a plug for the 1973 Reunion in Boston. Joe's report follows.

Happy New Year. May every member of our association and his family have a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

RESOLUTION

At this time it is customary to make some kind of resolution. Why not make a resolution to be a better contributor to the pages of our paper. The Boston Convention Committee would like your promise to be in Boston, July 26, 27 and 28, 1973. Last and most important is your promise to your wife that both of you will attend our 29th Annual Memorial Mass, Veterans Day week end, October 1973.

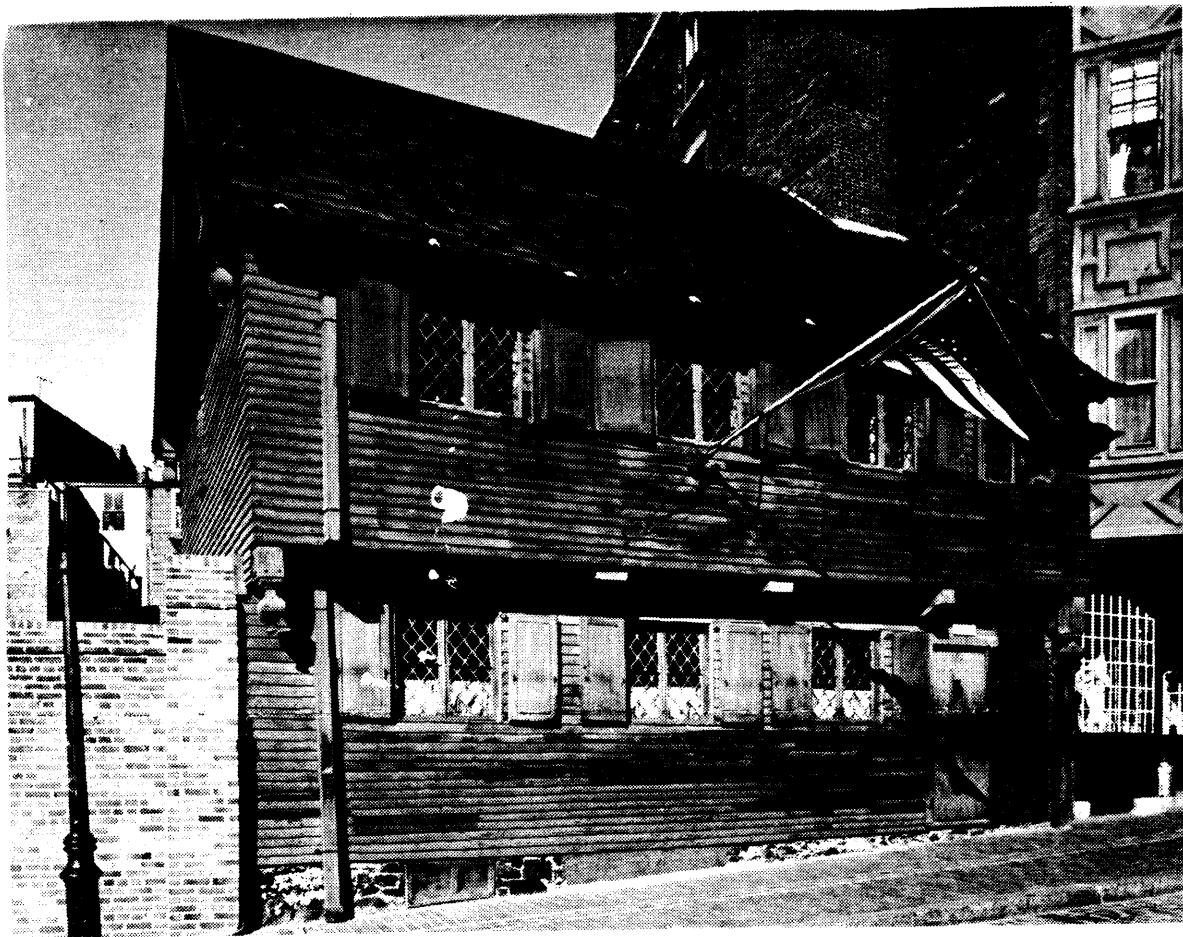
1972 was not a happy year for the families of three Service Battery 26FA men. Lorey Bland died while on a spring fishing trip. Lewis Ortigari died suddenly in the living room in his home. Clement "Frenchy" LeBlanc died after a long illness.

Over the years our mailman at this time of the year delivers many holiday greetings to myself and family. This year was no exception. Some came from good friends whom my wife and I met through our attendance at national conventions. Over thirty greetings came from those good men of Service Battery who lived so closely for four and one half years. Mrs. Alice Wilkinson, Mrs. Leeta Huber and Mrs. Lillian LeBlanc carry on the tradition started by their husbands many years ago.

It seemed like only last fall that Harold Huber had his family to a Memorial Mass. But it was 1964. Today his oldest son after graduation from college is learning the investment business with E.T. Hutton & Co. His only daughter is trying to make better citizens out of the children in the Olean, N.Y. school system. Mark, his youngest son, lives, eats, and sleeps basketball.

Larry Roscoe, son of our Elmer, is flying the big birds out of Thailand. His mother and father visited him at Grand Forks AFB before his departure.

Harold Wallace did some traveling during the past year. He visited his son in California. Then made a trip to L.A. to visit Jim Daniels (Service 26FA).



Paul Revere House

This is the oldest home in Boston, built around 1677. Paul Revere lived here from 1770 to 1800 and left from here on his historic ride to Lexington, in April, 1775. It is open to the public every day except Sunday.

"SEE YOU IN BOSTON"

During these long winter nights when it is customary to stay close to the fire place or the radiators relax away from the tube by writing a note "See You in Boston" to many of your friends. We plan a good reunion.

Tip Of The Hat

Special thanks to Edward Lewis, Harold Black and Angelo Sinare for their donations to the Memorial Fund.



President of the Association Ron Murphy is shown, with Major General Ira Hunt former CG of the "new" Ninth Division, at the Worcester Memorial banquet. (that's Murphy in civilian clothes)

Extra Added Attraction

At their last meeting the New England Chapter Reunion Committee decided to go all out in their efforts to make the 1973 Reunion one that will be long remembered. The finalized plans for the reunion now include an old fashioned clam-bake which will be held on Friday, July 27, 1973 at the beautiful White Cliffs picnic area, overlooking the ocean at Plymouth, Mass.

Fresh From The Sea

The committee has been fortunate enough to obtain the services of two of the best bake-masters on the south shore of Mass. They will prepare a dinner in the old New England tradition. Lobsters and clams will be brought direct from the ocean to the bake-area where they will be covered with fresh seaweed and baked right on the spot. Mixed in with the seafood will be a plentiful supply of chicken, franks and corn. The baked items will be served with fresh rolls and the meal will be topped off with a huge serving of ice cold watermelon. No one will go hungry while waiting for the bake-masters to complete their job, hot chowder and coffee will be served for two hours before dinner. The committee tells us that you haven't lived until you tried an old fashioned New England clam-bake dinner.

All Facilities

The site selected for the clam-bake is one that cannot be surpassed for beauty, all its facilities will be reserved for the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Stretching for miles along the area is a beautiful sandy beach, ideal for swimming, sunbathing, or just plain walking. For those who dislike salt water bathing, there is an Olympic size fresh water pool with an open terrace overlooking Cape Cod Bay.

Golfers

Golfers are advised to bring their clubs. The area has an excellent course, green fees are \$4.00 but playing time is unlimited. Electric carts, clubs and caddies are available at the well stocked pro-shop. White Cliffs also has facilities available for horse-shoe, shuffle-board and tennis players.

Rain Or Shine

In case of rain everything will be moved inside to the Plymouth House which has banquet areas, dance floors and a bar. The bar will be set up for those who wish to partake of liquid refreshments during the day.

The committee realized that for many this will be their first trip to historic Plymouth so they have provided for transportation from White Cliffs to downtown Plymouth. In Plymouth they can visit the Pilgrims Museum, Plymouth Rock, many historic homes and can also tour the Mayflower.

Reservations Necessary

Because the clam-bake has been planned for those who wish to spend a unique day while at the Reunion, it is not included in the trip-ticket. There will be a \$10.00 charge per person and reservations must be made in advance. The committee must know prior to the reunion how many members intend to partake of the clam-bake. Reservations should be made with Mr. Thomas Boyle, 39 Hall St., Somerville, Mass. 02144. Checks should be made payable to the 9th Infantry Division Association Reunion Committee. A cut-off date for reservations will be published in the "Octofoil" at a later date.

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An extract from the certificate of incorporation of the 9th Infantry Division Association reads: "This Association is formed by the officers and men of the 9th Infantry Division in order to perpetuate the memory of their fallen comrades, to preserve the esprit de corps of the division, to assist in promoting an everlasting world peace exclusively of means of educational activities and to serve as an information bureau to former members of the 9th Infantry Division."

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New England Reports

The Chapter had an excellent turnout at its last two meetings at the Sheraton-Boston. Attending were Tom Boyle, Bill Bongiorno, Fred D'Amore, John Edmunds, Franny Maher, Connie Matulis, Edward McGrath, Joe McKenzie, Larry McLaughlin, Billy Millis, Herb Olsen, Ralph Renna and Ron Murphy.

At their next meeting the Chapter will be joined by Col. Arthur Baker who is now retired, he has offered his services in helping plan for the 1973 Reunion.

The New England Chapter hopes that all our members and chapters will take ads in the Souvenir Program. Fill out the blank that appears in the

"Octofoil" and send it off to the committee. The committee is working hard to make the coming reunion a successful one, but it cannot be a success without the cooperation and participation of all our members. Plan now to be in Boston during July 26 through the 28th.

Members wishing more information on the Reunion should contact Ronnie Murphy, 44 Strawberry Lane, Scituate, Mass. 02066, Herb Olsen 389 Highland Ave., Randolph, Mass 02368, Franny Maher 14 Davenport St., Worcester, Mass. 01604, or Tom Boyle, 39 Hall Ave., Somerville, Mass. 02144.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

in the
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of the

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

I would like to become a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Enclosed is check or money order for \$1.50 for 1973 dues. Please mail my membership card to-

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Street

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While attached to the 9th Infantry Division (state relationship, whether the Ninth Division man was a husband, father, brother, son, etc.)

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Make checks or money orders payable to Ninth Infantry Division Association. Mail to
Mrs. Myrtle Guglielmino, Secretary-Treasurer
Ninth Infantry Division Association Ladies Auxiliary
114 Charles Street, Floral Park, L.I. N.Y. 11001

Harry O's Report

NEW YORK CHAPTER

The New York Chapter got off to a swinging start in 1973. At the January meeting George Apar acted as Installing Officer and he did his usual wonderful job in discharging the out-going officers and installing the new officers. If George gets any better at the job they will soon be wanting him to go to Washington every four years to install the President.

For 1973 the following fellows will be running things in New York; President George Bako, First V.P. Joe Kearns, Second V.P. John Schriffin, Secretary Dom Miele, Treasurer Irving Feinberg, Judge Advocate Ed Egan, Chaplain Ralph Witzkin, and Sergeant of Arms Al Orletti.

When the February meeting rolled around, George Bako lost no time in getting things underway. He appointed a Program Committee and kept them working until they came up with a program for 1973. The committee set up the following schedule for Chapter events during the coming year; May 4th Past Presidents Night, May 19th Memorial Service at Pinelawn National Cemetery, July 26-28 attendance at the National Reunion, October Memorial Service at Worcester, November 10th Annual Dinner and Dance, December 9th Christmas Party, and January 6, 1974 Installation of Officers.

News Notes

An old timer who has been away from the New York meetings for quite some time showed up at the Armory for the February meeting. Manny Schonfeld surprised his old buddies from the 47th when he came to the meeting with his son Elliott. Manny looks as good as ever and has a fine handsome son. We hope to see him more often in the future.

Bill Klauz and 381 other people picked the correct score for the Super-Bowl Game in a local newspaper pool. Bill didn't win any money but they did give him a nice certificate.

Good and Welfare

The members of the New York Chapter were saddened to learn that the wife of Lindsey Nelson had passed away. Another "Old Reliable" has passed on to his eternal reward, George Zipfel C Co. 47th, died in January.

Several members of the chapter are in sick bay. Sol Longo Hqs Co. 47th, suffered a heart attack, Abe Gottfried H Co. 47th, is in Overlook Hospital, Summit, N.J. paralyzed from a wound received in a hold-up attempt. Charley Cannella - M Co. 47th, and Joe Lagattuta K Co. 47th - two "old top kicks" are laid up.

George Gaynor was the first prize winner of the Chapters 50-50 Club and George in turn donated half the prize money to the Jack Scully Scholarship Fund. Also making a donation was Herminino Suarez.

73 Reunion At
Boston
July 26 - 28

THE MEMORIAL FUND OF
THE 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
Scholarship Information

The Memorial Fund of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was established by the members of the association to commemorate the memory of their comrades who paid the supreme sacrifice in battle. As a part of this fund the association established a scholarship program. Scholarships are awarded each year to relatives of men who served in The Ninth Infantry Division. Each scholarship is for one year.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

A person who wishes to apply for a scholarship must be related to a man who served with The Ninth Infantry Division. Children of former members of the division will be given first consideration, but children of men killed in combat given first preference. Applicants who are not children of former members of the division will not be considered unless no child of a former member qualifies.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The following procedures must be followed by those wishing to apply for the scholarships:

1. Send a letter of application, written in expository form, to the chairman of the scholarship committee stating the following: name, address, age, and sex of the applicant; name, address, and occupation of the applicant's parents or guardians; the name and address of the secondary school the applicant is attending or has attended and graduated; the name and address of the college the applicant expects to attend; the vocational goal of the applicant; and the name of and degree of relationship to a former member of the division. The unit and dates of service in the division of the former member must be included.
2. A transcript of the applicant's high school record must be included with the letter of application. The transcript must include at least the first seven semesters of the applicant's record.
3. The applicant must have a counselor or principal of the high school he or she is attending write a letter of recommendation to the chairman of the scholarship committee.
4. The applicant must take the PSAT which is given every October. The applicant must see that the results of the PSAT are sent to the chairman of the scholarship committee. These results may be included with the high school transcript or sent to the chairman from the College Entrance Examination Board. The SAT of the CEEB may be submitted in lieu of the PSAT.
5. THE APPLICATION MUST BE SENT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE BY MARCH 15. Applications received after March 15 will not be considered.
6. All applicants must accept the decision of the Scholarship Committee as final.
7. Information to determine financial need will be requested by the Scholarship Committee after the applications have been considered.
8. Recipients of the scholarships may apply for renewal of the scholarship each year. A copy of the student's college grades, a financial statement, and a letter requesting renewal of the scholarship should be sent to the chairman by March 15.
9. All applications must be sent to: John J. Clouser, Scholarship Chairman, Ninth Infantry Division Association, 901 Graceland St., Des Plaines, Illinois 60016.

NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dan Quinn, National Secretary, 9th Infantry Division Assn.
412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, New Jersey 07087

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L Co.'s Log 39 Inf.

What follows is a brief but concise history of this command from the time of its departure overseas until the end of the war in Europe.

This history was written under the most adverse condition that could be described. Hardly was there ever time to write or elaborate upon any subject because it was always kept in the record of events daily.

History was written by the 1-Sgts. William C. Ocgburn and Vertrice Matherly. Compiled by 1-Sgt Vertrice Matherly.

Only the most important events are listed and as to casualties only killed in action and wounded, missing are listed.

Company strength at the time of sailing for overseas action was two-hundred and ten men. War time strength is one-hundred and eighty-five. Diseases took a high toll of men such as Trench Foot and Malaria.

We apologize for making a mistake in presenting this story. It seems in the last issue of the Octofoil we jump the gun by mixing up the Months and we had June of 1944 instead of June of 1943. Sorry about that.

COMPANY HISTORY FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1943 SICILY

1-9 The company moved by truck to Liscara, Sicily to take up occupational duties. We were scattered very widely over the island protecting things as tunnels and railroad bridges that were in danger of being sabotaged. Everyone enjoyed this as there was much time to relax and get away from some of the strenuous training that had been done.

10-30 The company moved back to the area that they had left and rejoined their battalion. We were alerted to go to Italy to relieve the situation on Salerno Beach. On September 30, the company was removed from the alert list and preparations were being made for the movement to England, however no one knew just where we were going.

COMPANY HISTORY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1943 TO NOV 4 1943

Company remained in the area near Ceeleu Sicily until October to November 4. A rugged training schedule was carried out and field exercises were weekly. Some reviews were held and some of the men were given their battle field decorations by General Patton.

COMPANY HISTORY FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AND NOVEMBER 1943

Left Ceflau, Sicily by motor convoy to Thomas Natale, Sicily November 24, 1943, went into the 7th Armt Saging Area near Palermo. Left Thomas Natale on 9 Nov. and moved to the docks at Palermo, Sicily at which time we boarded the U S A T Santa Rosa, destination unknown. Sailed out of the harbor at 1105 hours 11 November. Moved through the

Strait of Gibraltar the date exactly is unknown. Strong rumors were floating around that we were going to the States. Moved by the Azores Islands and the date is unknown. On the 23 of November at 0215 hours land was sighted which was believed to be by the men a part of the British Isles. 24 November we docked at Swansea Whales at 1830. It was a very large port. All seemed happy that we were going to England as that would be the first time that they could talk back to natives in many a month. Disembarked from the Santa Rosa on Nov. 26 and boarded train on the docks and traveled to Fultern, a distance of 100 miles.

COMPANY HISTORY FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1944 ENGLAND

1-7 Stationed in Barton Stacey England. Training becoming harder each day with toughening exercises and long hikes each week. Weather very wet.

8-15 Barton Stacey England. Very strenuous field training consisting of night attacks.

16-29 All kinds of training. Weather very wet and cold.

COMPANY HISTORY FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1944 ENGLAND

Heavy training of all kinds including maneuvers with live ammunition. No time for anything at all. Weather very wet.

COMPANY HISTORY FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1944 ENGLAND

1-7 Company moved from Barton Stacey by train to Wareminister, England and then by truck to staging area. We were restricted to the area and were without any recreational facilities at all. This exercise was known as pre-in-vasion exercises. It all was carried out with great secrecy.

7-15 Company moved by truck from there back to Barton Stacey. There we resumed training on a very hard scale.

15-30 The company was put on a six hour alert and remained there.

COMPANY HISTORY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1944 ENGLAND

1-31 Company remained on a six hour alert and remained there until June 3.

COMPANY HISTORY FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 1944 ENGLAND

3-10 Moved to marshalling area at Camp Hursley, England. Restricted to area and was without any facilities whatsoever. Everyone could tell that this was not another dry run and no one was allowed to enter the camp or leave it. On June 5 at night there was steady drone of planes over all night. The morning of June the sixth an announcement was made that Normandy had been invaded. Our English was exchanged for Francs and on the 8 of June we moved by truck to South Hampton. There we boarded the HMS Empire Lance.



COMPANY HISTORY FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE CONTINUED FRANCE 1944

10-15 June the 10 embarked from the Empire Lance on to LCIS and moved as close as we could to Normandy Beach. We were not able to get closer than 500 yards to the beach as there was many sand bars and the water was being shelled by the enemy artillery. We landed on the beach and waded swamps for about 2½ miles near St. Mary Eglise, France. Enemy planes were over all night and many bombs were dropped causing no damage or casualties. Many attacking planes were shot down. On June the 12th, moved from area to 2½ miles east of St. Mary Eglise near Fontey Sur Me, France. June 13 the Battalion attacked with L company left flank company and reached its objective which was Quinnville and 4 large coastal guns that were still shelling Utah Beach.

Heavy enemy opposition was encountered and we had six wounded and captured 10 prisoners. June 14 the Battalion attacked for the town of Quinnville and to clear it of any enemy. We started at 1030 hours but were held up to allow a preparation for our medium bombers. We resumed the attack at 1200 hours with tanks in support. Very heavy enemy opposition was encountered and many enemy gun positions were knocked out. While attacking Company K was pinned down by enemy mortars and their position was in grave danger of getting wiped out. Our Artillery was unable to help them any. Here an entire group of men pulled a very heroic act. In order to get the enemy fire off of Company K the mortar section of Company L emplaced its guns well forward in enemy territory and sent observers to an old house overlooking the enemy. Tremendous amounts of mortar ammunition was

France September 1944.

Members of 39th Infantry ride tanks.

carried to the mortar positions by every available hand. There was some question as to whether we could reach the enemy positions with our guns or not. Our first shots were at maximum range.

These landed in the water as we were attacking toward the beach, we reduced our range until we were zeroed on the enemy targets. We then fired volley after volley until the enemy guns were silenced. Company L took seventy prisoners at the cost of no casualties to them.

15-24 June the 15 moved by truck to the vicinity of St. Mary Eglise. June the 18 Battalion attacked for the areas near Bricquebec, France. L. Company led the assault. That afternoon we ambushed an enemy patrol that was trying to get away killing 27 and wounding 41 taking 7 prisoners. On June 21, the Battalion attacked with L Company on the right flank. The company objective was only four hundred yards away. The leading platoon advanced about one-hundred and fifty yards and were pinned down by enemy small arms fire and mortars. Five enlisted men were killed and eleven wounded. A smoke screen had to be put down so they could withdraw. June 22 the company withdrew from these positions which were located near Vasterville, France in preparation for a large scale assault by the entire division.

24-30 June 24, Battalion attacked enemy positions near Octville and L Company went into action in the center of the Battalion sector. The company on the right was taking a beating from the intense enemy fire. It was sometime before the enemy could be out maneuvered but the mission was finally accomplished and the objective taken which was Octville. Thirty prisoners were taken. At

2200 the company was heavily counterattacked by the enemy. The company put up a very hard fight and a tremendous fire power was laid down and the enemy was disorganized. The enemy was at all times trying to do everything that they could and they later

infiltrated our lines as snipers causing heavy casualties. June 25 the company attacked and easily reached its objective and went into defensive position. At 0830 the battalion attacked with L Company Assault Company, they advanced about two thousand yards and came under heavy fire from the anti-air craft fire defenses of Cherbourg. A heavy fire fight raged until the company reached the streets of Cherbourg. It was a difficult job as almost as heavy as any operation that the company ever experienced. Every house had to be taken and there were many road blocks in the streets that tanks could not get over to support us.



Taps Sounded

Taps have been sounded for two "Old Reliabilities" when George Zipfel of C Company 47th Inf passed away in January 1973 and Clement S. Le Blanc of B Bty 26th F.A. in February 1973. May they rest in peace.



MAIL CALL

During the holiday season our mail-bag was chock full of cards from our readers and members of the Association. We wish that we could answer everyone of them personally but that is impossible, so we are taking this opportunity to thank you all for your kind messages and hope that you will continue to keep in touch. Here are a few of the letters that we received during the last few months.

Bordman Lockwood Hqs
Hartford, Conn. 47th Inf

In November I had occasion to stop in Wheaton, Ill. to visit the memorial to the 1st Division which is located on the grounds of the home of the late Col. E.R. McCormack, Publisher of the Chicago Tribune. It is called "Cantigny" after the town of that name in France which was where their first actions in World War I took place. It was well worth the visit.

My visit was made doubly pleasant by the coincidence that Frank Brusio of D Co, 47th Inf had been best man at the wedding of Sargeant-Major Dobol who is the Ass't Curator of the museum so we were in step at the outset and I was given a personal and warm tour of the museum and its library.

Will you please send a copy of "Eight Stars to Victory" to Theodore L. Dobol, Asst. Curator, Cantigny Way Memorial Museum, Box 195, Route 2, Wheaton, Ill. 60187.

Dick Pestel Co K 47th Inf
V.A. Brown Hospital
Ward 4-B-14
Dayton, Ohio 45428

Well I guess you can tell where I am at and want to say its a good place to be if you have to.

I have been having a problem with sugar and after checking with a local doctor decided to have a complete physical and x-rays. The x-rays showed a spot on my good lung, the one that didn't get shot up with shrapnel so I reported in to the V.A. Hospital. After five trips I finally got in and they found T.B. not serious but I am in isolation and think I'm poison to everyone. No one in my private room, can't go into the hall, eat off paper plates and everything I use is discarded.

Wrote to Dick Macumber out in Phoenix, Arizona and got a Christmas card from him, he is ill also.

Give my regards to all the gang.

Angelo A. Sinare 9th Q.M.
716 E. 162 St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Sending along my dues for the next three years. Sorry to say that I couldn't make the last two reunions but am looking forward to the Boston Reunion.

Harry Orenstein is a real hard working member of the Association. He and I were together in the 9th Q.M. for a long time.

Give my regards to all the gang, hope to see you in Boston.

John P. Hynes
423 E. 148th St.
New York, N.Y.

Co E 47th Inf

John sends in his memberships and writes - "I moved last year and when you are alone and work it is rough to keep track of things. I work six days a week and so I am kept busy. Now if all I hear is good news of the members of the 9th I will be happy. He adds that he belongs to the Ex-P.O.W. Assn being a POW - ElGuettar, Tunisia-Mar 28, 1943 to April 30, 1945.

Frank C. Proper G Co, 47th Inf.
1812 S. Morgan St.
Chicago, Ill.

Not having attended any of the reunions except those held in Chicago, I am a bit stumped as to the goings on of the 9th except for what I read in the "Octofoil", so, to keep with the Association news I thought it best to send in my dues, at least with the paper coming my way I can keep up a bit with the doings on some of my old buddies.

The trouble is, they seem to be as slow as I am, its very little I read of them, my friends from G. Co., 47th or Hdqs 2nd Bn, 47th. Who knows perhaps they may wake up, as I have, to write just a little something to let their friends know that they are still around.

Well now in closing may I extend to you and to all members of the 9th Infantry Division Association a very Merry Christmas and may the New Year be all the things that are good "Peace, health, prosperity and the friendship that is the 9th Infantry Division Association.

Charles Titus Bn Hdqs, 47th Inf
2119 Lawrence St.
Phila, Pa

Enclosed dues for 73, a little late due to a bout with the flu. I wish you and every member of the Association a good year in 1973, especially good health as this is important as we all get a little bit older. With faith in the Lord I hope that we will be answering roll calls for many years to come.

Credit the Philly Chapter with my dues, Dick Wilson is doing a good job in getting out the latest 9th Division news in this sector.

Max Klein Co L, 47th Inf.
Ward 7D-F.D.R., V.A. Hospital
Montrose, N.Y. 10548

Thanks very much for the copy of the "Octofoil" that you sent me. It was very interesting reading. As I mentioned to you previously I was wounded while serving with Co L of the 47th Inf. Best regards to all.

John E. Thornton Co D, 60th Inf.
1117 H. Dearborn St.
Chicago, Ill

Do hope this finds you and yours in good health, and that things are going real good for you. Glad that the last reunion turned out real fine, and that the one in "Bean-Town next year will even be better. I am doing pretty good for an old vet of 64, hope to take my retirement this coming year, have no special plans as yet. Enclosed is check for dues and memorial scholarship fund. Keep up the great work, keep well and take good care of yourself.

Sigmund Skiersz - - -
400 Danbury Dr. - - 60th Inf
Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Sig signed up for another three years and sent along his best regards to all the gang. He hopes to be in Boston for the 73 Reunion.

E.B. Thompson (Red)
Niles, Mich.

Co K 47th Inf

Just a word to thank you for sending me The Octofoil. Inclosed you will find check for membership for 1973 dues and fifty cents for Comat Route Map. I received a letter from George Bastado, which I was glad and thanks to you. I wrote a letter back the same day. I am sure he will come up with some interesting information and possible names of Buddies.

I sure would like to come to Boston in 1973 and see you and maybe run into someone I was with on the line. Thanks again and have a Happy New Year. Will be looking forward to receiving your paper with news. Best of luck.

Paul D. Keller
139 Pinewood Drive
Whitehall, Ohio 43213

47th &
39th Inf

Received the Octofoil today, read and enjoyed it very much. A couple of weeks ago I spent a very enjoyable evening with Weldon "Bud" Plants. He joined "C" 47th in England and was captured at the Meuse River crossing. Was A POW for the balance of the War. He stayed in the army until 1954. He lost track of the Association during that time and would like to renew the association. Would you send him an application to: 441 Blanding Ct. Worthington Ohio 43085

I think you know Dick Pestel is in the VA Hospital in Dayton, Ohio.

I am running for Councilman here, can't seem to keep out of Politics.

Kindest regards to all.

Mrs. Paul (Tippy) Plunket
286 Zimpfer St.
Columbus, Ohio 43206

Very happy to hear from so many friends. We have had quite a bit of rain, the ladies have taken me out riding and I enjoyed it even in the rain. I still do not go out without someone with me. Dick Pestel has been transferred to Dayton V.A. Hospital. They have found out that he has T.B. so they had to send him to Dayton where he can be treated for it.

I want to thank you for mentioning my name in the column, I received so many beautiful cards. Say hello to all the gang for me.

73 Reunion At Boston July 26 - 28

The prettiest girl in town was sitting on her front porch, knitting Little Things. Her mother remarked to a neighbor: "Well, I'm certainly glad that, at last, daughter has taken an interest in something other than running around with boys!"

JOHN J. CLOUSER
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